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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 1, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

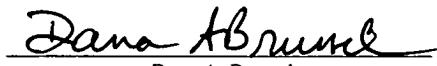
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